



2012 SURVIVORS' BENEFITS SUMMARY

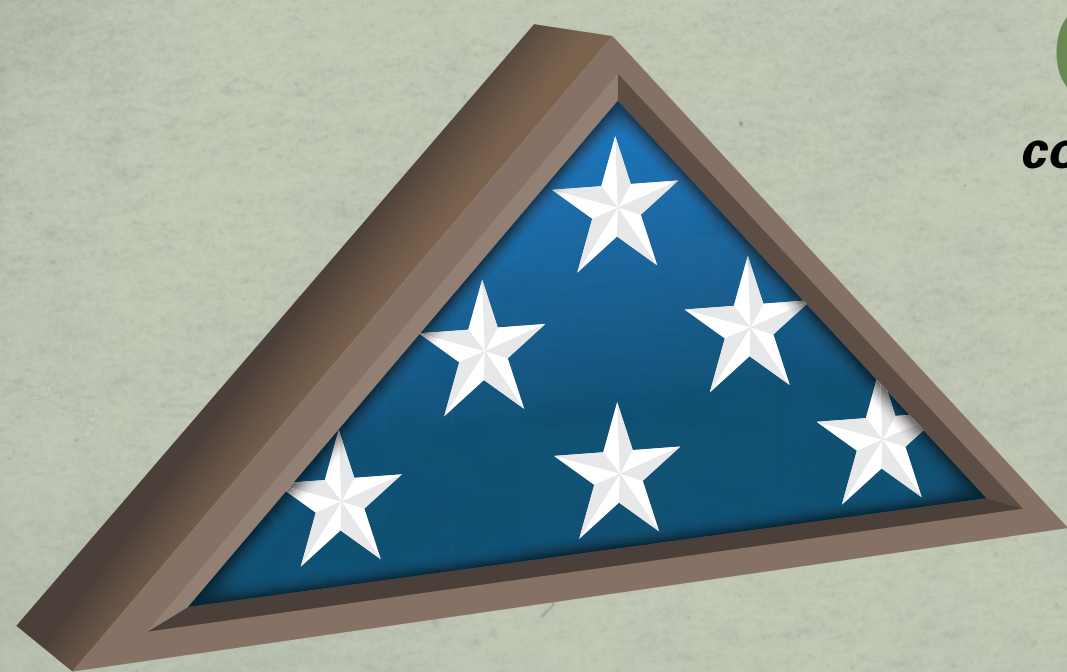
MORE THAN \$7.26 BILLION IN BENEFITS PAID

On behalf of a grateful nation, the Veterans Benefits Administration offers a variety of benefits and services to spouses, children, and parents of Servicemembers and Veterans who are deceased or totally and permanently disabled by service-connected disabilities.

To learn more about survivors' benefits, go to:
www.benefits.va.gov/pension

Survivors' Pension

This monthly benefit is paid to surviving spouses who have not remarried and dependent children of wartime Veterans whose deaths were not due to service-connected disabilities. There are qualifying income limits, and the amount paid varies based on the amount of other income.



More than
60,000
completed survivors' pension claims in FY 2012

More than
\$1.4 billion
in benefits paid

Burial Benefits

VA will reimburse all or part of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. The amount paid to the family depends on whether the Veteran's death was service-related.

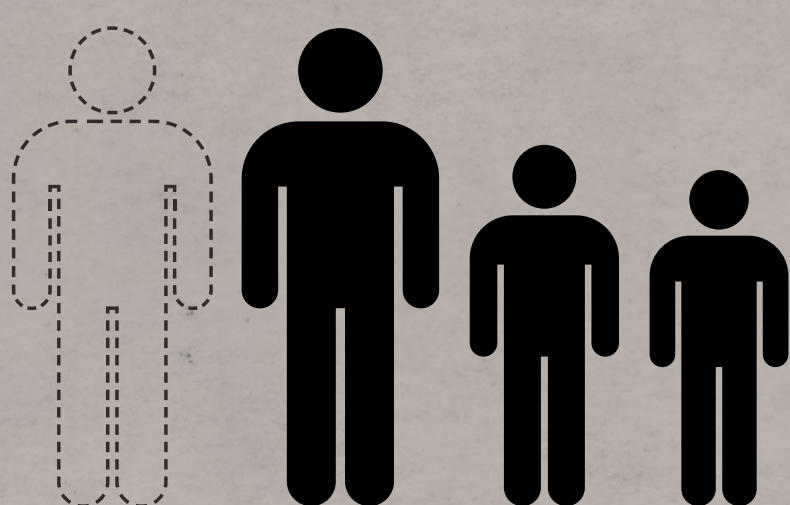
More than
960,000
completed burial claims in FY 2012

More than
\$166 million
in benefits paid



Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to unremarried surviving spouses,* dependent children and parents of Servicemembers who died during active-duty service; unremarried surviving spouses; and dependent children of Veterans whose deaths were due to a service-connected disability, or who were rated as totally disabled for 10 years preceding death (or five years prior to death, if rated totally disabled immediately after service).



The average annual payment in 2012 was
\$16,515.

More than
47,000
completed DIC claims in FY 2012

More than
\$5.7 billion
in benefits paid

*Note: A surviving spouse who remarries on or after Dec. 16, 2003, and at or after age 57, can receive DIC.

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